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Serious new charge laid in sex slave case

TRAFFICKING The Gatineau woman accused of holding three teens captive as sex slaves now faces a charge of human trafficking, a recent addition to the Criminal Code with a maximum sentence of life in prison.

Laura Emerson, 28, now faces a total of 16 charges for her involvement in an alleged prostitution ring after the Crown updated their case yesterday. She was charged last week with 13 offences, including procuring teenaged girls for the purposes of illicit sexual intercourse and prostitution, forcible confinement, and assault. Her boyfriend, Gordon Kingsbury, 33, faces charges of sexual assault and breach of probation.

The charges come after three 17-year-old girls were picked up near homeless shelters in Ottawa and allegedly fed drugs, beaten, sexually assaulted and confined in a Gatineau apartment for up to one year. Police learned of them after one girl escaped and sought help from a passerby two weeks ago. CTVOTTAWA.CA



Leading in a fading sport

Head Games Beijing Olympics

Melissa Tancredi (#14) of Canada and Charlotte Rohlin (#17) of Sweden compete for a header during their match in the 2008 Olympic Games yesterday in Beijing, China. Sweden went on to win 2-1 and forced Canada into the playoffs against the U.S. More Olympic coverage, page 7, 8.

Cop cruiser rammed after police pursuit

CHASE A car driving on a flat tire allegedly failed to stop for police and later struck a cruiser five times before officers could pull it over yes-

Ontario Provincial Police said yesterday an Ottawa police officer spotted a vehicle with a flat tire heading west on Highway 417 at Metcalfe Street, but the driver did not stop when the cruiser lights activated.

Cruisers later boxed the car in as it was heading

south on Highway 416. The blue 2003 Toyota Matrix then allegedly hit a cruiser five times. Police arrested a 48-year-old Quebec woman at 1:15 p.m. She was taken to hospital for observation. TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

SIU probes south-end explosion

Woman, 43, badly burned

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The province's Special Investigations Unit has taken over the probe into a garage explosion that seriously burned a 43-year-old woman.

Police officers were on scene when a garage exploded with the woman inside shortly before 10:30 p.m. on Monday night at 6893 Sunset Blvd., in the Greely area. It is standard procedure for the SIU to investigate any time civilians are injured or die in the presence of police.

Ottawa paramedics transported a 43-year-old female to the Ottawa Hospital's burn unit with serious injuries, said paramedic team leader Andrew

Fenton. "She had burns on 50

per cent of her legs, arms and back," Fenton said. The SIU has assigned three field investigators and two forensic investigators to the case, said SIU spokesman Frank Phillips.

It was the second trip of the evening to the residence for police, who had already attended for an unspecified service call at

"She had burns on 50 per cent of her legs, arms and back."

Andrew Fenton, paramedic team leader

7:30 p.m. The SIU is not releasing the reason behind the original call.

"We're looking at how this lady received injuries and the involvement of the police," said Phillips.

The woman reportedly

got a vehicle stuck at the property after attempting to drive in to a boat. She later entered the garage, which exploded not long afterwards.

When firefighters arrived at the two-storey detached house, fire was visible in the garage area, said Monty Malloy, the district fire chief

The fire department's prevention division is conducting its own investigation into the cause of the fire, Mallov said.

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Diefenbunker hopes for overhaul

Canada's Cold War Museum has launched a \$1.2-million fundraising campaign to raise money to retrofit Ottawa's 'Diefenbunker'. The campaign will fund improvements to bring the nuclear bomb shelter up to code so that it can accommodate up to 500 people and expand its programming. DIEFENBUNKER.CA

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Roadside scuffle injures officer

A woman walking in the westbound lanes of Highway 417 at Carling Avenue shortly before 12:30 a.m. yesterday "was not co-operative" when officers arrived and she produced a butter knife while scuffling with police who tried to detain her, said OPP Traffic Division Const. Tracey McDonald. While trying to subdue the woman, "one of the officers got a broken knuckle out of the deal." McDonald said. METRO OTTAWA

Gunpoint thefts point to same man

ROBBERIES Investigators are eyeing a possible connection between two separate robberies in which a man held up a convenience store at gunpoint and, in one case, struck a clerk.

The descriptions of the suspects in the two robberies — both of which happened early yesterday morning — seem to match, say police. "It's possible that it's the same person," said Constable Al Boucher.

Shortly before 3:30 a.m. yesterday, a man brandishing a handgun entered the Petro Canada gas bar on Carling Avenue at Bayshore

Drive and robbed the of clerk The cash. robber struck the clerk across the with face the handgun before running

Contact

 Anyone with any information can con-Ottawa tact Police's Robbery Section at 613-236-1222. ext. 5849.

That robbery happened about half an hour after a similar incident on Parkdale Avenue, where a man armed with a handgun held up a convenience store clerk before running away southbound on Parkdale Avenue with stolen cash and cigarettes.

The suspect in both cases is described as a white male wearing a red-hooded sweatshirt, although he is alternately described as between 145 and 180 pounds.

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Happy returns on **SMART** investment

One-millionth SMART board rolls off city assembly line

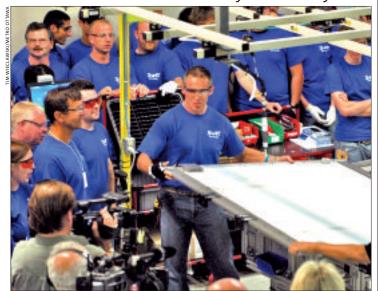
TIM WIECLAWSKI tim.wieclawski@metronews.ca

When the British government decided in 2003 to install interactive whiteboards in the country's classrooms, an Ottawa plant got a major push towards a milestone it marked yesterday.

SMART Technologies filled a major part of the bill and that order "was most definitely the tipping point where worldwide demand for the product started to accelerate," SMART Technologies co-founder and CEO Nancy Knowlton recalled yesterday, at a ceremony to watch the one-millionth interactive SMART board roll off a local assembly line.

Ottawa may be a tech sector hub, but it is increasingly rare for companies to manufacture the products developed here anywhere but overseas. But SMART has bucked the trend and for 17 years Ottawa has been the home of whiteboards production. SMART sold the first interactive whiteboard in 1991 to the University of Nevada.

"At that time everything was very manual, you could liken it to a very 'mom and pop' operation," said indusdesigner David Popovich. "There was no market. SMART had to real-



Assembly line workers at the SMART Technologies facility on Palladium Drive gather around Steve Sims as he lifts the one-millionth SMART interactive white board off the production line yesterday.

Chalking up sales

 SMART is the dominant player in a whiteboard market that is exploding as schools and businesses worldwide purchase the digital whiteboards that allow presenters to manipulate screen content, without markers or chalk.

ly pound the pavement."

It took 17 years to produce the first million boards. But SMART's new manufacturing facility on Palladium

Drive is capable of assembling a board every two minutes, meaning the next million boards should be complete within 18 months.

Knowlton said SMART once mulled going public, but the tech market collapsed before it could. But that allowed SMART to develop privately and to keep a design centre and the production facility in Ottawa.

"Our supply chain has been optimized for this loca-tion," she said. "We could move this operation to Asia, but it doesn't make business sense for us to do that '

year so they can know when

the festival is taking place so

they can take holidays."

Bicyclist sought for 'indecent acts'

FALLINGBROOK A man

accused of committing "indecent acts" in front of two young women while riding past them on a bicycle is being sought by police.

Police said yesterday that two incidents were reported in the Fallingbrook area on Saturday. Police wouldn't specify the nature of the indecent acts but confirmed they went beyond indecent exposure, which is a separate charge.

The first incident happened at 10:45 a.m. at Charlemagne Boulevard and Tenth Line Road, when a man on a bike got the attention of a young woman. The second similar incident. which involved another young woman, occurred at Charlemagne Boulevard and Merkley Drive.

The man did not say anything in either incident.

In each case, the suspect rode a grey bike and is described as white, between 25 and 40 years old, about six-feet tall, unshaven with short dark brown hair. He was wearing shorts and a T-shirt.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Sergeant Nicole St. John at the Sexual Assault Section at 613-236-1222, ext. 5150.

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Girl's arm pinned in Hwy. 417 rollover

QUEENSWAY A 17-year-old girl was injured when the car she was driving rolled over twice on Highway

417 yesterday. The driver, who was travelling westbound just east of Carp, lost control of her car and rolled it twice at around 9:40 a.m. The car came to rest on its roof.

The driver had her seatbelt on, which kept her in the driver's seat, but the window was open and her left arm slipped out during the rollover and became pinned under the roof, said paramedic team leader Andrew Fenton.

Ottawa fire fighters had to extricate the girl, who was taken to the Ottawa hospital's trauma centre for treatment of arm injuries. She is in stable condition.

"Her arm looked pretty good considering what it

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Flurry of festivals means choice of fun

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After a short breather, the "City of Festivals" is getting its second wind with seven major summer events all starting this week - and residents, visitors and businesses all stand to benefit from it.

The Ontario Summer Games start today. The Ottawa Folk Festival, Super-EX, Greekfest and the Canadian Women's Open golf tournament all start tomorrow, followed by the Ottawa Caribbean Festival and Capital Pride heading into the weekend. That means there's something for just about anyone to enjoy here this weekend, said Ottawa Tourism's Jantine Van Kregten.

Festivals are great for drawing tourists, who in turn bring an estimated \$1.2 billion a year in economic activity to Ottawa.

"People come for our festivals and stay longer because of them. While they're here, they use taxis, eat at restaurants and learn more about the city, so their experience is enhanced.'

The variety of events

So much to do

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won't steal visitors from each other, but provides choice, organizers say. Greekfest, which features

traditional food, dancers and the famous Zorba show, runs concurrent to SuperEX every year. Yet even as SuperEx is drawing 500,000 visitors, Greekfest always manages to draw up to 80,000 people as well, said Greekfest volunteer Emmelia Kardaras.

"People call during the

The Ottawa Caribbean Festival has been con-densed from 11 days into three so that people can enjoy other offerings that concurrently, Caribe-Expo event executive Sotos Petrides.

There isn't competition between festivals, but rather a supportive spirit, he said. "We're working with (Capital Pride) to share

services. It's a good way for non-profit festivals share costs and intermingle the volunteer base.

went through," said Fenton.

Back to school for some

There's still three weeks of summer left for most students, but some Ottawa children are already heading back to school. Students at École élémentaire Bernard Grandmaître in Riverside South began their school year yesterday. The French Catholic elementary school is in the final year of a three-year balanced calendar pilot project.

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'Moving art' comes alive in right hands



I was barely out of training pants the last time a puppet show held me captive.

Twenty-some years later I'm older and harder to impress, but no less enthralled as I sat, delighted and surrounded by fuzzy beings, in Peggy Artelle's living room.

These weren't my mother's felt puppets — the ones she whipped up on the sewing machine in an hour to keep us kids out of her hair. Each taking weeks to design and craft, the Ottawa



Ottawa Puppetry Club members Peggy Artelle, right, and her son Mike display the puppets that seem to come to life.

moving works of art than toys. Although I've grown up, it seems that puppets have too.

"Over the last few years, there's been a trend where puppets have been more for adults," agreed Artelle's son, Mike, who is also a designer and puppeteer. "Puppets aren't just for kids anymore."

Artelle is president of the Ottawa Puppetry Club, which has convened regularly over 10 years to share puppet building and performing ideas.

Members include professional artists and performers who make intricate puppets and marionettes from a variety of materials, including latex, sponge and fabric. Some are even created for the water, and require a puppeteer to stand waist deep in a pool during

the performance. Dozens of the area's performers recently regaled spectators at Almonte's international puppet festival, Puppets Up!. But I got up close and personal with some of Artelle's most popular characters in her home. She introduces me to Waverley the mermaid, Brown Bear, Little A the turtle and Louie, the big

Bear, Little A the turle and Louie, the big bad wolf. When she performs a character, there's a transformation in e not only her voice, but her gestures

I try a puppet on for size.

"Hello!" I/the puppet said, and the effect I get is a bad dub, like watching a German movie in English. I might as well have been using one of those felt puppets from my youth. But it takes practice, Artelle assured me. "Timing is everything."

The characters might be based on mythology, fables and classic children's stories, but the shows, which run about an hour long, are intended for grown-ups for the simple reason that more interesting storylines hold the puppeteer's interest. In an impromptu shadow puppet performance, Artelle and her husband, Bob, execute a chase across a field by a rabbit and a wolf. In another underwater montage, a school of fish swirls under the sea.

In the end, they're a bunch of cloth dolls and paper cutouts on sticks. As a child-free person — herself years removed from the frivolity of childhood — I admit that I'd personally have no patience for it. But am I still impressed? You bet.

Like many things that appear to be child's play, it's a heck of a lot harder than it looks.

"People are always quite impressed," said Artelle. "You can tell because when you bring the puppets out, people stop talking and there's no noise."

Metro Ottawa's Tracey Tong is an award-winning reporter. Her Cityscapes col umn appears every Wednesday.

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Police seize pills, cash in traffic stop

BUST A 51-year-old Ottawa man faces drug charges after police seized \$44,000 worth of pills and cash during a traffic stop in Petawawa late last month. Provincial police reported yesterday that they seized 670 Oxycontin pills and cash after stopping a vehicle on Highway 17 near Greenwood Road at 10 p.m. on July 24.

A loaded prohibited gun

was also found at a Petawawa residence. Pierre Lavergene, 51, of Ottawa, faces possession and trafficking-related charges. He remains in police custody.

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Chicago's Roman Catholic archdiocese announced it will pay \$12.7 million to settle 16 claims of sexual abuse involving 10 former priests and a school principal. Some of the cases date back to the 1960s. REUTERS

Canada/World

Mayor says hands tied

Families agry over T.O. blast

Worried that their houses might be damaged, and still unable to feed the pets or grab the medication they left behind in their haste, citizens expressed frustration with Toronto city officials. who provided no information about when they might be able to go back home after the massive propane explosion that neighbourhood earlier this week.

'When fire services is able to give an update, they will," Mayor David Miller said, adding that there was nothing he could do.

While some families were being allowed back into the area, some were still left out in the cold.

People who live in about 70 homes in the immedi"I'm frustrated. I want to see my home...I want to get some stuff."

Johny Gabrielli, resident

ate vicinity of the Murray Road blast site were forced to wait further

Johny Gabrielli, who lives less than 100 metres from the blast site, was denied entry into his neighbourhood.

"We're getting more information from our neighbours than we're getting from anyone else," he said.

"I'm frustrated. I want to see my home, I want to get some stuff. I don't want to go spending thousands of dollars when I don't have TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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soldiers disputed

HEALTH CARE Proposed lim-

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the injured are unfair to

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try, advocates say. The mil-

those who have risked



A demonstrator holds a poster depicting Russian Prime Minister rally in Tbilisi vesterday backing President Mikheil Saakashyili.

Russia orders halt to war, Georgia remains skeptical

PEACE PLAN Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered a halt to military operations in Georgia yesterday in support of an international peace plan promoted by French President Nicolas Šarkozy.

Both sides have now declared a ceasefire, but each has accused the other of failing to keep its promises.

Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili said his

- Russia says 1,600 South Ossetian civilians have been killed in the fighting.
- Georgia has reported close to 200 killed.

country was quitting the Commonwealth of Independent States, led by Moscow, in protest at Russia's actions. REUTERS

Palestinians reject plan by Israeli PM

PEACE Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has rejected a peace proposal by Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert because it does not provide for a contiguous Palestinian state with Jerusalem as its capital, Abbas's office said vesterday. Under the proposal, Israel would give to the Palestinians some 92.7 per cent of the occupied West Bank, plus all of the Gaza

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mander Abu Saeed al-Masri was killed in clashes with Pakistani forces near the Afghan border, a security official said vesterday.

MEXICO An unintended conseing to abducting U.S. citizens in

Business

Smuggling settlement leads to Rothmans loss

TOBACCO Rothmans Inc., which is being bought by Philip Morris International, reported a first-quarter loss, hurt by expenses after it admitted to helping tobacco smuggling.
Canada's No. 2 cigarette

maker said yesterday it lost \$354.4 million, or \$5.20 a share, compared with a profit of \$33.8 million, or 49 cents a share, a year earlier. Rothmans said its profit was hit by expenses relating to a settlement involving its unit Rothmans Benson & Hedges Inc., which in late July admitted to aiding the contraband tobacco trade.

The police investigation

Contraband

 Imperial Tobacco Canada Ltd. also admitted it aided contraband tobacco trade. Together, the fines and settlement costs totalled more than \$1 billion.

relates to the years 1989 through 1996, the company said, when tobacco was exported from Canada to the United States and then smuggled back into Canada to avoid high taxes.

Under terms of the settlement. Rothmans said it will pay a total of \$550 million this year and over the next 10 years.

Rona sees gloomy year as profits hit

RETAIL The largest Canadian owned home improvement retailer, says it has cut expansion plans by 20 per cent for the rest of this year and predicts sagging consumer confidence will remain a drag into next year. Rona Inc. said profit fell 7 per cent, while sales at stores dove 4.4 per cent.

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In **brief**

TRADE A surge in oil exports to the U.S. widened Canada's trade surplus in June to \$5.8 billion, in line with expectations, up from \$5.22 billion in May, Statistics Canada said.

FINANCIAL Most institutional investors expect another failure of a major financial services firm in the coming year, according to a survey by Greenwich Associates.

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ELECTION FUNDING A senior Conservative official in a Toronto riding testified yesterday that his party frowned on him appearing before a parliamentary committee investigating Tory election spending and even offered him talking points when he insisted on showing up. The testimony from Douglas Lowry, an official agent in the 2006 election for failed candidate Sam Goldstein, fed into allegations the Tories are obstructing the ethics committee.

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quence of Mexican efforts to weaken drug gangs, drug traf-fickers around Tijuana are turnsouthern California and holding them in Mexico as a new way to get funds, U.S. and Mexican authorities say.

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New York Islanders have named reigning AHL coach of the year Scott Gordon head coach, making him the 14th head coach in franchise history. Gordon, 45, led the Providence Bruins to an AHL-best 55-18-3 record last season. METRO NEWS SERVICES



Indians send Byrd flying to Boston

o golf till '09: Woods

Tiger Woods has said he will be unable to swing a golf club until next year as he recovers from reconstructive knee

surgery.
The American world number one decided to have surgery on his left knee for a fourth time after winning the U.S. Open in mid-June, ending his 2008 PGA Tour campaign.

"As far as swinging a club, that's not going to happen until next happen until next year," Woods said in his monthly newsletter on Tuesday. "I just don't have a choice.

"We simply don't know what type of swelling there would be or if there would be any residual effects the next day once you start wheeling and dealing on the knee. Everyone's body reacts differently. I could putt right now but I'm not going to do it."

Woods, a winner of 14 major titles, underwent an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) reconstruction of his left knee. He had torn his

knee ligament after last last year's British Open

> my next day.' Woods said his rehabili-

pain from his knee injury during the final round of the U.S. Open in June.

Carnoustie while running and took 10 weeks off at the end of the 2007 season.

He took a further two months off after having arthroscopic surgery two days after the Masters in April and did not play competitively until the June 12-15 U.S. Open.

"I don't know what the doctors are going to tell me about playing golf down the road," the 32year-old added. "I'm taking day-to-day, week-toweek. All I'm doing every day is looking forward to

tation was going well, despite an initial weight loss. 'I'm a lot more mobile.

Tiger Woods winces due to

which is really nice," he added. "The big thing is I've started my rehab and can ride the (exercise) bike. I can't ride it hard — just motion — but am getting in two or three sessions a

day.
"Initially, I probably lost about 10 pounds because I wasn't working out. All of that was muscle. I've put about two pounds back on, but I'm still pretty light. I'm eating mostly raw and organic foods that provide the most nutrients.

He watched last week's U.S. PGA Championship at Oakland Hills where Ireland's Padraig Harrington won his second successive

major title.
"I want to congratulate Padraig Harrington on his wins at the British (Open) and PGA," said Woods.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

NBA According to a report, the Philadelphia 76ers and restricted free agent forward

Andre Iguodala have agreed to a new contract. ESPN.com is claiming that the two parties have come to an agreement that would pay the 24-year-old \$80 million over six years.

San Francisco at Houston, 8:05

NFL The Miami Dolphins have released kicker Jay Feely, who spent just one season with the club, and will turn the duties over to rookie free agent Dan

Carpenter, Feely connected on 21-of-23 field goal tries last sea-

BASEBALL Justin Knoff scattered five hits and gave up just one run over eight innings to pitch the Sussex

Skyhawks to a 2-1 victory over the Ottawa Rapidz last night.

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Diving

Canada's Meaghan Benfeito and Roseline Filion placed seventh yesterday in the women's synchronized 10-metre platform. METRO NEWS SERVICES sports

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Close calls for Canada

Kayaker Ford, weightlifter Girard finish just off podiums in Beijing

Even at 41 and with a fifth Olympic appearance now in the books, whitewater kayaker David Ford couldn't bring himself to utter the "r" word.

Sure, Ford's the oldest guy in his sport at age 41. The average age of the medal winners in Beijing yesterday in the men's K-1 slalom event was just under 25 years.

And after finishing sixth in the event, Ford certainly didn't sound like someone who's going to be retiring anytime soon. In fact, don't be surprised if you see the former world champion coming back for one more crack at an Olympic medal in four years time in London.

"It's not unrealistic to think I'm capable of doing another one," said the Edmonton native, whose best Olympic result is a fourth at the 2004 Athens Games. "We've already kind of determined that. There's no reason that in four years I'll be any less fit or strong as I am now."

Ford's strong showing got Canada — which is still without a medal in Beijing — closer to the podium, but not as tantalizingly close as Christine Girard.

Girard, the 23-year-old weightlifter from Rouyn-Noranda, Que., had equaled a personal best and was in position to grab a bronze medal in the women's 63-kilogram division.

But everything was out of her control, hanging on the bar, along with 135 kilos, as North Korea's Hyon Suk Pak attempted her third and final lift. It was simple: Clean and jerk the required amount and Pak would win the gold medal, bumping the Canadian to fourth place. Fail and Pak would be out of the medals and Canada would finally be in.

"I think it was more stressful than when I was doing my lifts," said Girard, who watched on television in the warm-up room and saw Pak struggle and wobble, but successfully hoist the load, winning herself a gold medal and knocking the Canadian off the podium.



Christine Girard of Rouyn-Noranda, Que., competes en route to a fourth-place finish in the women's 63-kilogram weightlifting competition yesterday at the Beijing Games

Sports in brief

SOCCER Canada's women's team lost 2-1 to Sweden yesterday in Beijing, but still qualified for the quarter-finals. Canada, which got its lone goal from Melissa Tancredi of Ancaster, Ont., finished the preliminary round 1-1-1 and will take on the top-ranked U.S. in Friday's quarter-final.

TENNIS Americans Serena and Venus Williams powered on towards a likely gold medal showdown with easy second-round wins in the Olympic singles yesterday. Serena crushed Australian Samantha Stosur 6-2, 6-0, while Venus beat Czech lveta Benesova 6-1, 6-4.

BASKETBALL The United States men's team flexed its muscles once again yesterday, routing Angola 97-76 in Group D action in Beijing. Dwyane Wade led the Americans with 19 points. The U.S., who overpowered the Angolans 64-26 in the paint, will play Greece next tomorrow.

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Led by double world all-round champion Yang Wei, China won gold in the men's team gymnastics event yesterday in Beijing. Japan won silver and the U.S. took bronze. REUTERS

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Beijing Games

Enjoy softball while it lasts

Canada off to strong start in sport set to be dropped

So much has been so conspicuously absent at the Beijing Olympics Canadian medal, clean air and Brian Williams, for starters — that it's been extraordinarily difficult to muster up excessive enthusiasm so far.

Unless you dig Michael Phelps. Or smog. Or unless you live in countries such as Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan — all of which. unlike Canada, have collected medals, and all of which I truthfully didn't know existed on this planet until this week.

Me? I prefer traditional team sports and found myself entertained while watching the Canadian women's softball team defeat Chinese-Taipei 6-1 in its Olympic opener.

My conclusion: This is a formidable team, laden with capable hitters and talYork Report Martv York marty.york@metronews.ca

ented pitchers. The pitchers include left-hander Lauren Bay-Regula, sister of Boston Red Sox star Jason Bay, and Danielle Lawrie, sister of the Milwaukee Brewers' top draft pick in June, Brett

This Canadian team has 11 first-rate newcomers, plays exciting ball and has a genuine shot at a medal. It might even give the United States — perennial kingpins (queenpins?) in women's softball — a run.

What a future Canada has at the Olympics in women's softball. That is, if the Olympics' future included women's softball. These, though, are the final innings for women's softball at the Games because, be-lieve it or not, the nitwits in charge have chosen to dump the sport.

In 2005, the IOC — which has made incompetence a bad habit — deemed it necessary to reduce the number of sports at the summer Olympics by two and chose softball and baseball. They are the first sports dropped since polo in 1936.

I understand the need to eliminate baseball. MLB has refused to halt its season for the Olympics, instead staging its own event — the World Baseball Classic — to profit from an event similar to tournaments basketball and ice hockey stage at the Olympics. That and steroid issues surrounding stars in MLB gave the American pas-

But women's softball? More than 130 countries are members of the International Softball Federation, and the sport has never been more competitive, with China, Korea, Australia, Japan and Canada threatening U.S. supremacy. Canada intends to go

down swinging.
"This is by far the best team we've had since I've been around," said Bay-Regula, a 27-year-old British Columbian who's in her second Olympics. "We have a legitimate shot at the podium.

final gold-medal game in Olympic softball history, by the way, will be played Aug. 21. What a

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

Phelps breaks golden record

Michael Phelps became the most successful Olympian of all time when he won his 10th gold medal early this morning and his fourth of the Beijing Games.
Phelps broke his own

world record to continue his dominance in the Water Cube pool and overtake an elite group including Mark Spitz and Carl Lewis who had won nine golds.

The 23-year-old showed little apparent emotion after winning the men's 200 metre butterfly in 1.52.03,



Michael Phelps

knocking six hundredths of a second off his world record. Each of his four

medals in Beijing have come in world best times. Phelps is now halfway to surpassing Spitz's record of

seven golds in one games. In other action in the pool: Calgary's Mike Brown swam the second best time in the 200 metre breast-

stroke semifinals and broke

the Canadian record en

route to a berth in the final Canada's Brent Hayden finished sixth in his men's 100 metre freestyle semifinal heat and failed to qualify for the final.

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Automotive carguide





Smart Fortwo grows up

Cutting-edge subcompact sheds its cute, quirky image

BRADLEY HORN for Metro Canada

Since the Smart Fortwo first came to Canada in 2004, some 12,400 owners have been drawn in by its low sticker price, planted firmly in Chevy Aveo, Hyundai Accent and Kia

Rio country.Maybe it's because, despite it meagre purchase price, those owners are wise in the way of motoring. Maybe it's that European panache, its Mercedes-Benz parentage or the cutting-edge engineering that goes into building a safe and practical 2.7-metre ur-

ban people mover.
Whatever the reason,
Canadians found this tiny runabout's 'smartness' quite appealing.

Even so, the arrival of a second-generation Smart for 2008 brings some unexpected maturation. All of a sudden the 'cute' little Fortwo has become a serious, viable vehicle and less of an automotive novelty.

Conceptually, the formula remains intact. The Tridion Safety Cell still forms the basis of the car — basically a high-tech, highstrength steel body structure that protects its occupants in a collision.

Though the length has increased by 19 cm (for improved impact absorption),



the new Fortwo is still the shortest, most compact car in the world.

Smart's view that the '08 Fortwo's interior is a "bit more mature" is modest to say the least. That quirky 'wave' design of the first generation car is gone, thankfully, and replaced by a handsome, straightforward dash that dials up material quality quite noticeably. Highlights include a bit more legroom, more travel for fore-aft seat adjustment, optional leather seating and a panoramic roof on high-end models.

As before, the ignition is



Luggage space behind the seats has grown too, to a respectable 340 litres.

on the centre console and a clock and rev counter are optional. Luggage space behind the seats has grown too, to a respectable 340 litres.

Like its predecessor, the Fortwo's engine is rearmounted. However, in the most visible change from the Gen One model, Canadian Smarts are now powered by an all-new 1.0-litre, threecylinder gasoline engine instead of a turbodiesel.

On paper, its seemingly modest 70 horsepower output doesn't reflect the realworld pep the car now has thanks to its low, low curb weight. It'll even hit 140 km/h should the need arise.

Just as appealing, the gas engine is considerably less costly to produce per

2008 Smart Fortwo Coupe

Type: Subcompact 2-pass. coupe RWD Price: \$14,990 - \$18,250 Engine: 1.0L L3 DOHC HP: 70 @ 5.800 rpm Torque: 68 @ 4,500 rpm

Highlights

- New gas engine replaces
- More mature styling inside and out
- Improved safety and packaging
 • Miserly fuel consumption

car than the turbodiesel, contributing to a lowered price and simplified lineup. The Pure, Pulse and Passion trim levels of old have been changed to just Pure (\$14,990) and Passion (\$18,250) for the coupe body style and Passion only (\$21,250) for the convertible.

A semi-automatic fivespeed transmission (down from six) is also new for '08 and helps get rid of the "shift lag" evidenced in the previous model. Suspension revisions also help this new 'fine-tuned' Fortwo to shake its plucky cuteness image and move it closer to that of a serious automobile that suits the day-to-day needs of most urban motorists.

Car keys to great romance

well maintained car could be the key to a revved-up love-life, after research from Kwik-Fit, one of the largest auto parts, repair and replacement specialists in the world, found that 14 million Brits say they can tell much about a prospective partner from the state of their vehicle.

Interestingly, females are slightly more likely

to judge a partner by their car with 44 per comcent pared to 40 per cent of men.

The findings also reveal that a staggering three quarters of a million women have even dated someone just because they liked his car. And a further 250.000 turned down a date with a guy they liked, because they didn't rate his car.

But perhaps more extreme is the 330,000 Brits that claim to have stayed in a relationship just because they liked driving their partner's car.

So, making a date for some routine maintenance will not only keep you and your loved ones safe on the road, but may also cost less than a new outfit or gym membership and still help you attract the opposite sex too!





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Travel



On the fly

"Glamour" camping destination Clayoquot Wilderness Resort in B.C. is offering a ladies' fly fishing weekend from Sept. 18 to 21. Guests will rough it in white canvas tents filled with Persian rugs, antiques, and four poster beds covered with fluffy duvets — and dress in "wilderness chic apparel" that will put them at the height of fly fishing fashion.

Kataragama Festival is Sri Lanka's celebration of God

Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim pilgrims come to worship



he air smells of kerosene and jasmine flower. Young men crack whips as thick as cobras, while others skillfully twirl fire, leaving circular trails of light. There is rhythmic drumming and tribal dancing. It's what I imagine Burning Man Festival to be, except drugs and drinking are replaced by devotion to

This is Kataragama Festival, a two week-long holy event that sees the arrival of some 100,000 Hindu, Buddhist and Muslim pilgrims. Devotees, many of whom have travelled for weeks to get to this auspicious city, have come to worship and perform acts of penance and self-mortification. Some swing from hooks piercing their bodies while others walk on fire to show their devotion to God.

The festival entrance has a carnival-type atmosphere, with vendors selling stuffed animals, fruit offerings, plastic trinkets and sweets. Walking through the fairgrounds, I'm happy to see that security is heightened with checkpoints and police searching baggage — as the civil war between the separatist Tamils and the Lankan government continues, you can't be too



A scene from the Kataragama Festival, a two week-long event in Sri Lanka that sees an influx of some 100,000 pilgrims.

This holy shrine and popular pilgrim centre is humanity at its finest.

Past the checkpoints, people have gathered, eagerly watching the procession of elephants down a path illuminated by beads of light. Dressed in a red rhinestone cloak, one elephant looks like a Mexican luchador wrestler.

This holy shrine and popular pilgrim centre is humanity at its finest. On the fringes of the main action, I see the bodies of passed out pilgrims strewn all over the ground. Some are cooking dinner by small smouldering fire (a scene that's becoming increasingly more common with the

rise in gas prices) while others are gently rocking their babies to sleep.

Trying to find a spot to watch the parade, I make my way through the maze. Every step is carefully calculated and I'm weary of stepping on little hands and feet. Though many have been waiting for hours for their spots, all are welcoming as Î cozy my way up to the front.

Seated on the sandy floor, a woman offers me a piece of her tarp to sit on. Here, people are very generous to foreigners. I'm offered oranges, water and lots of

I can feel all eyes on me. Here, I'm partly a movie star and partly a sideshow freak. Mothers holding infants point at me, raising their voices and eyebrows as if to say, "Look at that. Isn't that girl amusing?"

While some might feel self-conscious, I sort of like being "the other." I get off on being the outsider. In a crowd of thousands, I feel strangely satisfied there are only a handful of foreigners.
This is how a travel

writer knows she's in the right spot — when the tourists are gone, there are no fanny-pack wearers from Florida and not a Mc-Donald's in sight.

Julia Dimon is co-host of Word Travels, airing

Wild rides

For travellers looking for modes of transport with a difference, travel site Virtual-Tourist.com has compiled a list of wild rides:

1 Ostrich rides, Nairobi, Kenya: Although elephant rides are the first thing most people think of when weighing transportation options in Kenya, the ostrich is not to be ruled out. The animal equivalent of a unicycle may take a few tries before novice riders find their balance.

Balloon rides, Goreme, Turkey: You'll have to get up at the crack of dawn, but most who try it agree that there's no better way to watch the sun come up and take in Goreme's ancient and breathtaking landscape.

Ox-cart rides, Nepal: For Short stretches, riding an ox-cart is a great experience. It'll take you through Nepal's rugged, rural terrain, but also on a trip back in time.

Zorb riding, Rotorua, New Zealand: It may look tame, but one spin down a hill in a Zorb, or giant inflatable ball, and you'll see this is one serious adrenalin rush. Those with weak stomachs can ask for a little water in their capsule to insure a smooth ride.

Swan-shaped boats; Boston, Mass.: For a genteel experience, try the famous Swan Boats of Boston's Public Garden. A tradition since the late 1800s,

these man-powered boats are as much a part of the Boston experience as a trip to Fenway.

Helicopter Ride; Grand Canyon, Ariz.: An exhilarating option for those who don't have enough time to do the canyon on foot, there is no better way to take in the grandeur of this centuriesold crater than by air.

Rickshaw rides; India: Some call them death machines, others call them glorified golf carts. Whatever you call them, don't let a few white knuckles stop you from taking a spin.

Camel ride; Mt. Sinai, Egypt: Yes, it's touristy, but how many other opportunities are you going to get to do this? These desert taxis can be as expensive as real ones, but with a little preride negotiation you may be able get the fare down.

Submarine ride: Barbados: It's not for the claustrophobic, but if you can keep calm when the door closes, it's a spectacular experience. From marine life, to coral reefs, to sunken ships. you'd have to be a mermaid to get a better view.

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Evil Dead 2 has topped a new U.S. magazine poll to find the Greatest B-Movie of All Time. The cult zombie film claimed 31 per cent of the Paste reader vote to beat Plan 9 From Outer Space and Killer Klowns From Outer Space.

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Worth her Salt

The espionage thriller Edwin A. Salt, originally intended as a vehicle for Tom Cruise, is being rewritten for Angelina Jolie now that Cruise is no longer attached to the film. Jolie is reportedly close to a deal regarding

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Stiller shines back in director's chair

Tropic **Thunder**

Director: Ben Stiller Stars: Ben Stiller, Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr.

Classification: 14A Rating: @@@1/2

STEVE GOW for Metro Canada

REVIEW War! What is it good for? As it turns out, it's not too bad for Ben Stiller who returns to the writer-director's chair for the first time since his box office hit, Zoolander.

In Tropic Thunder, Stiller leads the all-star cast of Jack Black, Robert Downey Jr. and even Tom Cruise (in a surprising role that's sure to relieve those who thought he'd all but beamed up to Planet Thetan) in this spoof of Hollywood egos and icons. Stiller plays Tugg Speedman, a fleeting action star leading the cast of a fictional war film being shot in Southeast Asia. After the movie goes over budget, the actors are sent into the jungle to capture "real fear in their eyes."

Instead, the gang loses their director, get lost themselves and fall prey to real terrorists. The twist: They're convinced it's all part of the movie. It's a great premise and one that doesn't let down with its cast.

Downey Jr. steals the show playing method-actor Kirk Lazarus who has undergone a procedure to darken his skin in order to be "a dude playing a dude disguised as another dude."

Perhaps more surprising is the supporting cast. That Stiller gave such weight to young stars Jay Baruchel and Brandon



Robert Downey Jr., Ben Stiller and Jay Baruchel are actors shooting a war movie who get caught up in a real battle in the action comedy Tropic Thunder.

Jackson is credit to his maturity as a filmmaker.

Where a stellar cast take hilarious self-deprecating stabs at moviemaking and the false egos of stardom, Stiller, however, tends to mug blankly to camera as he mostly did in Zoolander.

Still, with satisfying cameo appearances, broad but funny gags and a great

sense of timing, Tropic Thunder may be the summer's last kick at solid boxoffice comedy.



Check movie showtimes, trailers and reviews at metronews.ca/movies

Entertainment in brief

SPELLING OUT OF 90210
Actress Tori Spelling has pulled out of the forthcoming Beverly Hills, 90210 spinoff amid rumours of a salary row, imdb.com reports. The star has reportedly walked away from the revamped TV show after discovering she is to be paid \$10,000 to \$20,000 US per episode — less than half the

figure former co-stars Jennie Garth and Shannen Doherty are picking up to reprise their roles. Spelling's representative has confirmed

the decision. "At this time, there are no plans for Tori to appear in the 90210 spinoff," the rep told usmagazine.com. The move comes just two months after bosses at U.S. TV network CW announced Spelling would return as Donna Martin, now the owner of one of the coolest stores in Beverly Hills.

BRIT'S MOM'S BOOK Lynne Spears' much-discussed new book is due out Sept. 16 – but the cover was unveiled earlier this week, People.com reports.

Through the Storm: A Real Story of Fame and Family in a Tabloid World is a memoir, describing Spears' "story of what it was like being a mom and raising two very famous people," a spokesman for publisher Thomas Nelson said in June. The tome will not be a parenting guide, as many had expected.

Spears' memoir was intended for publication earlier, but was put on hold after daughter Jamie Lynn got pregnant. (Jamie Lynn Spears gave birth to daughter Maddie Briann in June.)

"Lynne never stopped working on it because she wants to express her love for her children and tell their stories through a mother's eyes," said the publisher at the time.

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'70s fuel more shows

RAG AND BONE BOUTIQUE: Hollywood is the kind of place where everyone has an assistant but none of them can come up with more than one good idea.

more than one good idea. This year it's the '70s; a generation of producers and executives who spent their formative years vegging out in front of their parents' console television set, changing channels only occasionally as the remote was still an expensive accessory, have ascended into positions of power, and are determined to make the next year's worth of shows recreate the look and feel of the Nixon/Ford presidencies.

You almost get the feeling they're praying for a gas shortage and runaway inflation just to get the mood right. Certainly Russia seems to be doing its bit to recreate the bleary-eyed plateau phase of the Cold War — after the invasion of Georgia, can SALT III talks be far behind?

Flush with the critical success of Mad Men and Breaking Bad, AMC has given the green light to a TV version of Francis Ford

IntelleVision



Coppola's 1974 film The Conversation, a project that has obsessed producer Tony Krantz for years — he's tried to sell versions of the project three times before, most recently to ABC, just two years ago, with a version set in the present day.

The AMC series will retain the film's period setting, and Krantz explained to Variety that it "gives us an opportunity to look back at the 1970s through the filter of 2009 ... The issues of privacy and individuality, and issues of spying and listening, are as relevant now as they've ever been. This is the perfect vehicle to tell those stories."

By the time it gets to air, it's unlikely that ABC's fraught remake of BBC's Life On Mars will be set in New York in the '70s — af-

ter almost relentless changes to the producers, cast and setting, the show that makes it to the air this fall might take place on a space station. The leader of the '70s revival pack so far, though, seems to be CBS, who have two revivals of '70s series in the works.

In the San Francisco Chronicle, TV critic Tim Goodman worried that the network's new version of Streets Of San Francisco won't be able to afford to shoot anything but exteriors in the city by the bay, as "would be completely pointless and unwatchable unless it was shot here. Tell that to anyone living in Toronto or Vancouver, who've had their streets stand in for everywhere from New York in the '30s to Battlestar Galactica's alien worlds.

CBS is also reviving Hawaii 5-O, updating the show to the present day with a team of top cops headed up by Steve McGarrett's son, Chris.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



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Wife Swap

Generally there's one mom to root for on this show, but this episode may leave you disliking them both. Teresa's world revolves around her son's wrestling; she even keeps a lock on the refrigerator so he won't eat himself out of his weight class. She swaps homes with Donna, who owns a coffee shop and encourages her kids to express themselves artistically but has little time to get involved in their lives. It gets ... interesting. 8 PM on 20 ABC

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Stanley may be singing lullabies

Paul Stanley, 56, the legendary co-founder and front man for KISS, and his wife, Erin, are expecting their second child together. Erin, 36, an attorney, is due this winter. PEOPLE.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Fame can hurt dating, **Carrie says**

former American Idol sensation Carrie Underwood has become one of the country music's biggest stars, fame has its downside — especially when it comes to dating. People.com reports the singer as saying.

You never really know why somebody wants to be around you, or if they do genuinely like you," Underwood, 25, tells Al-



wish that no one wanted anything from you.

Underwood recalls a time soon after her success on Idol when a guy who'd ignored her in college clearly enamored by her newfound success — called saying that "he wanted to

Fame hasn't helped create lasting relationships for her either. Earlier this year, Underwood split from Gossip Girl's Chace

> she clarifies. "It plain didn't work." As for Dallas Cowboys QB Tony Romo, who now is dating Jessica Simpson, Underwood says she still hears from him sometimes - but doesn't always pick the

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> we alwavs get the muse thing and we always say no, it's not that way." **метко** SERVICES

Alanis reflects on aging

PEOPLE The effects of old age won't be a concern for Alanis Morissette, Peo-

ple.com reports. Don't count on seeing the singer, who says she "notices new things" about her body every month, searching for a fountain of youth. Instead Morissette plans to embrace her body's transformation.

"I'm fascinated by aging and woman's body changes," Morissette. 34, tells Women's Health's

September is

sue. "I don't want to spend the next 50 years of my life trying to hide those changes. There's something very relaxing about watching it un-

fold instead of fighting it the whole way.' While she watches her body evolve, Morissette stayed physically fit by adding triathlete

her resume. "It was amazing to use my body as an instrument

rather than as an ornament," Morissette says of the swimrun-bike competition.

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Madonna eyes new adoption?

PEOPLE Madonna is reportedly looking to adopt a second child from Malawi. femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The pop star wants to give a home to two-yearold girl Mercy James, whose mother died in childbirth, but the family of the child, who lives in an orphanage, have said they are "not interested" in the proposition.

Madonna's adoption Malawian David Banda was finalized earlier this year. METRO NEWS SERVICES



"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

aul Stanley and his wife are having a baby. This is pure demographics. The original KISS ARMY are all about 50 now. New recruits must be spawned! To the incubators! And how will Paul know the child is really his? When he sees that telltale black star over its right eve.

It's difficult to imagine why Kylie Minogue wants the lyrics of her cover version of Copacabana to be changed so that Lola becomes Kylie, given that the Lola in the song ends up as a drunken, insane, aged and decrepit figure. Oh, wait, I guess it does make sense.

Underwood Carrie says she wishes everyone had a label on their forehead so she could automatically tell their intentions. Interesting. It usually takes famous people nearly a decade to become that insane. I do appreciate her candidness, though, be-cause I like to know what plans our celebrity class has in store for us. Here's what I'd like my label to say: "I do not intend to purchase, or listen to, any Carrie Underwood music for as long as I live."

Scarlett Johansson is correct to deny she's Woody Allen's latest muse. She knows it doesn't work that way. First, Woody adopts you, then you become his muse, then he mar-ries you. Then everybody shudders and throws up. Looks like Madonna

wants to adopt another African child, which brings me to my question of the day: If you're Madonna's personal assistant and she says to you, "I want a Brazillian," do you telephone adoption services in Rio de Janeiro, or the spa?

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I'm not Woody's muse: Scarlett

MOVIES Scarlett Johansson denies she has become director Woody Allen's latest muse, imdb.com reports.

Allen admits the actress is the inspiration for his films. But Johansson insists they only work to-

gether to "have fun."
"I'm not his muse," she says. "Every single junket that we've done so far (for Vicky Cristina Barcelona),

Song won't name Kylie

MUSIC Kylie Minogue is reportedly set to release a Barry cover of Manilow's hit Copacabana, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer, however, is said to have angered the lyricist Bruce Sussman by asking for the woman's name in the song to be changed from Lola to

Minogue is said to have wanted the lyric, "Her name was Lola, she was a showgirl" to be changed, but Sussman refused.

"Bruce was furious," a source told gossip web-site MSNBC. "He told Kylie, 'No way. Her name's Lola. Not Lola

Minogue, not Kylie.' METRO NEWS SERVICES

Butting out freed Julianne

PEOPLE Actress Julianne Moore credits her decision to quit smoking for an emotional awakenimdb.com re-

Moore quit the habit 15 years ago.

"I began to see

the most clearly," she tells Parade magazine. 'I had been so unhappy, and I realized that I had just been ... literally stuffing it back with those cigarettes in my mouth."

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Sister fakes not knowing Beyoncé

PEOPLE Solange Knowles has revealed that she often pretends that she is not related to her sister, singer/actress Beyoncé, Ananova.com reports.

Sometimes I say she's not my



Producer sues Hudgens over profits ages from the Disney star.

PEOPLE Producer Johnny Vieira is suing High School Musical star Vanessa Hudgens, People.com reports.

In court papers filed earlier this week in Los Angeles County Superior Court, Vieira is demanding more than \$5 million US and punitive dam-

. Vieira claims he and Hudgens, now 19, worked together to launch her career — and that they agreed to "share equal-" in the profits. (Because the actress was a minor at the Vieira contime. tends that a court approved the 2005

agreement.)

But after High School Musical became a hit, he savs she dumped him and that she still owes him \$2 million — which the documents for the suit state Vieira discovered "after an expensive audit."

There has been no comfrom Hudgens' ment METRO NEWS SERVICES



Rowland racks up party bill

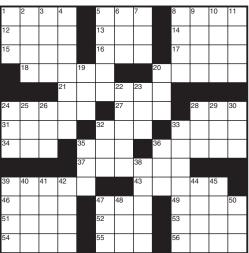
Kelly Rowland, right, spent almost \$400,000 US on a night out. The former Destiny's Child singer racked up the bar bill on guests that included U2 front man Bono in St. Tropez, France, last weekend, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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Take Five

AVATAR VENUS



Crossword down

- 1 Vegas 2 Bratty kids
- 3 Castle defense
- 4 Largest bird
- 5 Entice
- 6 Hagen of "The Other"
- 7 Dracula, at times
- 8 Touchdown
- 9 Sudden impulse
- 10 Woodland god
- 11 Tiny insect 19 Collected sayings
- 20 Monsieur's summer
- 22 Bail out
- 23 Festive quaff
- 24 Debate side
- 25 Rough shelter
- 26 I, to Wolfgang

- 28 Eur airline
- 29 Left Bank pal
- 30 Pit stop purchase 32 Uncles and nephews
- 33 Payment plan
- 35 Train alternative
- 36 Work by Keats
- 38 Fill with
- 39 Goner's fate
- 40 Lacking elegance 41 Cow-headed goddess
- 42 Sight from Messina
- 44 Late-night host
- 45 Pearl starter 47 Herbal infusion
- 48 Irving or Grant
- 50 Green parrot

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Crossword across

This day in history

Chef-en-Caux, France with 8,000 men.

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- 1 Prom rental
- 5 Margarine container
- 8 Back talk
- 12 Maj. Hoople
- 13 Flight board info 14 Ph.D. exam
- 15 Tiff
- 16 Bathroom item
- 17 Feverish chill
- 18 Sandal part
- 20 "Maria -

- 21 Resolute
- 24 Girl from Baja
- 27 Diner coffee
- 28 Mattress problem
- 31 Ow!

AUG. 13, 1415: Hundred Years' War: Henry V of England lands at

AUG, 13, 1814: The Convention of London, a treaty between the United Kingdom and the United Provinces, is signed in London.

AUG. 13, 1913: Otto Witte, an acrobat, is crowned King of Alba-

AUG. 13, 1918: Women enlist in the United States Marine Corps

for the first time. Opha Mae Johnson is the first woman to AUG. 13, 2004: Hurricane Charley, a Category 4 storm, strikes

Punta Gorda, Florida and devastates the surrounding area.

- 32 Barrel
- 33 Prayer-wheel turner

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- 34 Last degree
- 35 Razor brand
- 36 Camel's pit stop
- 37 Topsy-turvy
- 39 Evaporates
- 43 Feasts 46 Depose
- 47 File label
- 49 Spineless
- 51 Thor's father
- 52 Outback bird
- 53 Prince Charles' sister
- 54 Southwest feature
- 55 Response on deck 56 Jedi master

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

previous day's answer

9	3	2	1	6	7	8	5	4
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2	4	8	7	9	1	6	3	5
5	7	6	3	2	4	9	1	8

Under 13. Genius 13-17 Scholar

Horoscopes ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20
An old friend is on the way. Develop a more philosophical attitude. Someone's focus is on the prevention of problems.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

(8) Misery is the hot topic of a conversation. A falsehood touches on the truth. New beginnings arise in a partnership issue.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21
A fascinating event will take place. Make a fresh start to be successful. A special discount encourages a great purchase.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Kindness can melt a frozen heart. Be grateful to an unexpected helper. A vivid fantasy puts a romance on the rocks.

JULY 23-AUG 23 Someone's attitude calls for a

fast adjustment. A friendly fe-male feels abandoned. Spend time with a happy informant.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

An emotional overload provokes an outburst. Be available if somebody needs to talk. A bossy person revises a business plan.

17-21. Smart

21-25 Not bad

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LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23
Take a risk and be surprised. A mediocre boss tries your patience. A messenger finally brings glad tidings.

SCORPIO

OCT 24- NOV 22

Help someone who has a bad attitude. A grumpy person will make vexing comments. You'll win by problem-solving at

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23- DEC 21 You'll emerge unscathed by a stressful situation. Temper tantrums interfere with getting work done. Don't get caught being fiendish.

CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

Someone has a joyful story to share. An escape from an event leads to a snit-fit. Step lightly around a dull debate.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18 A man will refuse to be

layed. You'll have some free time. You can restore the flow of your energy and zest.

PISCES

Do a good deed: the gratitude will be awesome. You'll have to live without a lost document. You'll get an idea that can make a fortune

Sudoku

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	6			3			9	
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		5				7	6	

Ottawa weather



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Tonight



Partly cloudy.

Thursday



23°/12°



19° / 13°

Friday

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Variable. 22° / 12°

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